

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION



Northeast Region

Chapter PA-S

SEPTEMBER 2020



Monthly GATHERING - First Saturday of Each Month Breakfast at 8:30
King's Family Restaurant Altoona, PA

Gathering at 9:30

Comments from the Chapter Director

Jake & Cheryl Lewis

Hello Everybody,

What happened to August? Now you see it, and now you don't. Its kind of the same with the rain. We did finally get some of the wet stuff the past few days. I can actually see a little bit of green in the brown grass.

As most of you know Cheryl and I live out in the country. We see a lot of wildlife in the area. The other day I looked out the window and there they were---three does and five fawns. The fawns were playing like kids. I guess we now have a day care center. It was quite the picture. When you are traveling watch out for those moms and babies.

We had eleven folks show up for our ice cream ride at the Milky Way Creamery in East Freedom. Ice Cream tends to melt fast in 90 degree weather.

Bob and Tonya have graciously volunteered to host our Chapter S picnic at their home at 917 Edgar St, Hollidaysburg. Hopefully, you got the flyer regarding time and date. It is 9/12/20—meet at 12:00 and eat at 1:00. I sure hope to see a lot of my Chapter S members at the picnic.

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY

Until Next Time,
Jake and Cheryl Lewis
Chapter S Directors

2020 District and National Happening

Flyers can be found on Events Page calendar at www.gwrrapadist.org

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

1 – Gathering

12- Chapter Picnic
at Bob and Tonya's home
Begins at noon
Eat at 1PM

OCTOBER

3- Gathering



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Chuck Stone – District Educator



Hi everyone:

Now that fall is upon us, let's take a few minutes and talk about Motorcycle Safety and RIDING DURING THE FALL SEASON.

Fall is finally here and the cooler days and reduced number of evening storms mean it is time to get the bike / trike out of the garage. Some people actually prefer to ride in cooler temperatures.

Before you can ride, there are a lot of things to check, but let's focus on the two/three items that separate your bike from the pavement – your tires. Your tires are the two/three most important things on your bike. If you think about it, your tires are the only thing keeping your bike from being a 1,000 pound paperweight.

Check your tire pressure against the specified pounds-per-square-inch in your motorcycle owner's manual. Colder weather can cause your tire pressure to drop five psi. Even under ideal temperatures, your bike's tires will lose air pressure each month. Riding on under-inflated tires will cause your fuel efficiency to be reduced, the tires to wear unevenly and most importantly, your bike to handle improperly.

Take 30 seconds each morning before you ride and check your tire pressure. If you check your tires every day and they lose a pound every month and suddenly you lose five psi in one tire, you might have a serious issue like a nail in the tire, dry rot or even a bent wheel rim. If you don't check your tire pressure, you may be thumbing a ride or worse.

It is important to check your tire pressure when your tires are cold. Tires are considered to be cold when you have ridden less than a mile or after your bike has been parked for three hours. If you are forced to check your tire pressure when hot, you will need to add four psi to the recommended pressure specified in your owner's manual. Be sure to recheck the tire pressure again when the bike has cooled down.

What if you check the tires when they are hot and the pressure is too high? Don't worry about it. Normal riding will cause the tires to heat up and increase the tire pressure. When the tires cool down, you will probably find the tires are at the right cold air pressure.

If your tires consistently loose more than two psi per month, the tire, valve or wheel rim may be damaged. If this is the case put the bike in the bed of the truck and take it to a dealer to have it looked at.

If your wheels have an inner tube which is leaking, the tube can rupture. When the tube has a catastrophic failure at even 45 mph, your riding skills will be put to the test.



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One last thought-valve caps. Yes, valve caps, those little 25 cent items keep the valve core clean and free of debris and help keep the pressure where it's wanted.

Yes, your tires are critical to safe riding, but with minor care you can keep the air in the tires and your bike off the ground.

“Ride Safe and Ride Proud”

Chuck & Evelyn Stone

PA District Educators

Chapter 5 News

AUGUST GATHERING

We had 9 members out for breakfast and a Gathering today. Jake was unable to come so Jim led the gathering with great help from Cheryl.

We decided that the Millersville Ferry ride would be cancelled.

The picnic has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 12. Bob and Tonya offered to be hosts at their home. You may arrive at noon but we will wait to eat at 1PM. Bring a suit to swim.

We will meet for ice cream at Milky Way in East Freedom on Sunday, August 16 at 2:00.

The door prize went to Mel, Charlie, Ken, and Cheryl. Joanne won the 50/50 worth \$17.50. Bob and Tonya won free breakfast.

Marble Game Results---It was Joanne's chance to try for the white marble, but she drew one of the black ones so missed taking home \$24.

PROGRESSIVE DRAWING

Mark Elasser was not in attendance and missed his chance on taking home \$30.
It will be worth \$35 in September.

GWRRRA NEWS from our District Director:

Wow what a great month August was for riding! Many counties in Pennsylvania have been abnormally dry due to the lack of rain but, it has been great riding weather. I hope you and/or your chapter have been able to get out and ride and enjoy some ice cream. Hopefully, you will have time or make time to get out and ride during September.

We are sending out a huge THANK YOU to each and every one of you! We know it has been difficult for chapters with all of the obstacles the pandemic has created. Many chapters have had challenges as to where to have gatherings and planning other events have not been any easier. But chapters have banded together and have gotten creative and have held gatherings, rides, many ice-cream stops and other events. Thank you!



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For the next couple of months, chapters will be able to do many of the activities they have been doing this summer. The next challenge will be once it starts to cool down and winter approaches (ouch). Have you, your chapter or chapter team thought about where you are going to have your gathering and what other activities you can plan so you can continue to have FUN with your GWRRA family?

Good news! There is a chapter event that everyone is invited to attend.

Saturday, September 19, 2020 PA-B is having their Spring Fling
Registration begins at 9 am

Remember when you were a child and at some point, during the summer you would say "I'm bored; there is nothing to do.". Well if this is what you are thinking, look at the article submitted by Bonnie and Gerry VanArt, your PA District Senior University Coordinator, in the PA District newsletter. GWRRA is offering many classes online. There is even a new class, GWRRA 101 "Everything you wanted to know about GWRRA". We recently complete the GWRRA 101 course and you do learn a lot about our association.

I spoke with Gerry and Bonnie VanArt and if you would like to schedule an in-person class, please contact them. The class will be planned and the CDC and state guidelines for COVID-19 will be observed.

The last couple of years, the PA District raffle tickets have been distributed to the chapters during September. At this point in time the PA District Team has made the decision there will not be a PA District raffle in February 2021. The team took into consideration the challenges chapters are having due to the COVID-19 and did not believe it was fair to ask the membership to sell tickets when it is difficult to be around groups of people.

Looking forward to 2021, the PA District Rally "Ride Back in Time" is May 20-22, 2021 in Cranberry Township, PA located 25 miles north of Pittsburgh at the Pittsburgh Marriot North. It is a beautiful hotel and location. The rally flyer is posted on the PA District website and listed under events on the GWRRA PA District page on GroupWorks.

We have received numerous registrations. Get your registration in soon if you plan on taking an Advanced Rider Course (ARC), a Trike Rider Course (TRC), Road Captain Course (RCC) or the Medic First Aid® (MFA). The classes are filling up.

Don't forget your room reservations by calling the hotel at 800-853-5574 and use code GWRRA to get our discounted room rate and breakfast or make your online reservation by using the link on the flyer, PA District website or GroupWorks.

Keep safe, be well and we hope to see all of you soon! Remember to always ride safe! So, let's get out and ride!

Harold and Diane Jackson
Your PA District Directors



September

4 – Cheryl Lewis

4 – Bertha England

5- Jeanne Boyles

10 – Sally Shedlock



September

**September 3, 1999
Jake & Cheryl Lewis**

**September 8
Tom & Brenda Wolf**

**September 23, 1995
Joe and Sally Shedlock**